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LAZY CREEK VINEYARDS

PROPRIETORS DON & RHONDA CARANO

2015

MIDDLERIDGE RANCH PINOT NOIR

Anderson Valley

APPELLATION
Anderson Valley

VARIETAL
100% Pinot Noir

COOPERAGE
50% new French oak
50% older French oak

TASTING NOTES

Between two ridges in the hills above Boonville in Anderson Valley, sits Lazy Creek's Middleridge Ranch. Quiet and peaceful with warm, western winds in the afternoon, the flavors of these grapes are very fruit driven, but still possess the spice and minerality for which the valley is known. The 2015 Lazy Creek Middleridge Ranch Pinot Noir seduces with a perfume nose of sweet cherry, caramel, vanilla and licorice. Mouthwatering, juicy flavors of plum, pomegranate and black cherry fade slightly to reveal ripe, red currants on the mid palate with persistent cola and spice on the finish.

VINTAGE NOTES

Characterized by gentle and open rolling hills studded with large oak trees, Middleridge is a 160-acre ranch where 22 acres of well-regarded Pinot Noir clones are planted at 1,275-foot elevation. A mild winter and warm spring led to an early bud break in March. Cool temperatures in May extended the bloom period, but was interrupted by spring rain. Ongoing drought conditions, coupled with a light crop led to an early harvest that began on September 2 and ended on September 14.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Pinot Noir grapes are hand harvested and hand sorted in the field. Upon entering the winery, the grapes are gently destemmed and transferred to small bins and stainless steel, open-top fermentors. After an 3-day cold soak at 50 degrees Fahrenheit, various yeast strains are introduced to add complexity. Fermentors are punched down one to three times per day. Wines are pressed when dry and then racked to barrels to complete malolactic fermentation. The blend was assembled in July and bottled in August.

FOOD PAIRINGS

The Lazy Creek Vineyards Middleridge Ranch Pinot Noir is a seductive, aromatic wine that pairs well with salmon, fowl and meat entrées such as beef bourguignon or rack of lamb.

WINE INFORMATION

Bottled: August 2016, Alcohol: 14.5%, pH/TA: 3.67/.62, Cases: 443



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